

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2008

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Ms. Daniese McMullin-Powell
Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: S.B. 222 [Early Childhood Education Quality Improvement Program]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 222 which would require the Department of Education (DOE) to establish a specific quality rating and improvement component for the early childhood education program, i.e., the Delaware Stars for Early Success system. The rating system will measure the level of quality of service provided by an early care and education program to safeguard and ensure the growth, development, and learning of the children. The standards could exceed minimum child care licensing criteria and would be based on “best practices”. Information would be shared with families. Provider strengths and weaknesses would be identified and shared with the respective provider. Technical assistance would be offered to providers.

SCPD endorses the proposed legislation since it should increase the quality of care and education for Delaware’s children

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Ruth Ann Minner
Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens
Developmental Disabilities Council

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